

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 20th:** Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
 Churching of Stella Mary Samra  
 40 Day Memorial Service for Emile Moussalli  
 Feast Day Luncheon at the Parish Center  
 12:00-12:30 P.M.- Outreach Project- boxed lunches

**Tuesday, August 22nd:** 7:00 P.M.- Bazaar Committee Meeting in Church Hall

**Saturday, August 26th:** 11:00 A.M.-Baptism of Natalia Rose Ferrari

**Sunday, August 27th:** Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**Saturday, September 2nd:** 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, September 3rd:** Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
 Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour

**Monday, September 4th:** Labor Day (church office closed)

**Saturday, September 9th:** 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking (grape leaves)

**Sunday, September 10th:** Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross  
 Church School Year begins & Luncheon hosted by  
 The Order of St. Ignatius  
 Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour



### Coffee Hour Sponsorships

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
August 20, 2017	St. Mary Church	Feast Day Luncheon
August 27, 2017	John & Anita Chamoun	Memory of Wajiha Chamoun
September 3, 2017	Emile & Ling Huang Sarkis	Health of their Family
September 10, 2017	The Order of St. Ignatius	First Day of Church School
September 17, 2017	Fadia Kabak	Health of Tony Kabak
September 24, 2017	Dr. Hadeel & Fadi Samaan	Memory of Munir Zainah (uncle)
October 1, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
October 8, 2017	Keith & Marlene Marshall	Health of their Family
October 15, 2017	Ed & Sue Ayoub	Health of the Ayoub Family
October 22, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
October 29, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
November 5, 2017	no coffee hour	Annual Christmas Bazaar
November 12, 2017	Al, Ron, Jim Hallal & Families	James Hallal (20 year memorial)
November 19, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 20, 2017*  
*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost &*  
*Eleventh Sunday of Matthew*

## ***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan  
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703  
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079**

### **Schedule of Services**

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,  
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

**We welcome our Visitors & Guests:** Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.  
We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

**Receiving Communion:** Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

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***\*\*Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at (401)434-8877 /  
stkhoury@cox.net or any member of the Parish Council with any  
questions or concerns\*\****

### **Visitations**

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

With the blessing of His Grace Bishop JOHN, I am happy to announce our first Diocese Family Camp will be held the weekend of October 13-15, 2017 at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH.

Our Family Camp is modeled after the program at Antiochian Village. We will have daily services, Christian Education for children, a Keynote Speaker (TBD) for the parents, sports and games for the whole family to participate. I am in the process of recruiting experienced AV Staff Members to serve as counselors for the weekend.

More registration details, promotional flyer, bulletin insert, and tentative schedule are online at <http://antiochian.org/FamilyCampNE> . We also have a facebook event under the Diocese Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1425084937546643> I ask that you please share this information with the families in your parish. Families of all ages are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about Family Camp, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,  
Khalil Samara



### **St. Mary's Got Talent**

September 23rd at the Parish Center~



Open to all parishioners....

Talent show for both young and old....

If you have any talents- dance, sing, play instrument, magic- come and share them with us! Please contact Fr. Elie if you are interested in participating (240) 205-9079.

### **Outreach Committee**

**Today, Sunday, August 20th:** Soup Kitchen distribution of box lunches.

**There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. Either call the church office, or see Mirna or Walid Nakhoul on Sunday after Liturgy.  
Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.**

### **Outreach-Item Donations**

The ‘*Soup Kitchen*’ Outreach project is kindly looking for the following items: *Adult backpacks (new and gently used)*. Please put them in the coat room at the Parish Center.

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Help Needed!**

**Please come help roll grape leaves on Saturday, September 9th. Join us in fellowship as we roll grape leaves for our annual Holiday Bazaar. Everyone welcome!**

### **Building Social Justice Ministry Teams in the Church**

**Parish Care Team Training  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
Saint Mary’s Orthodox Church  
8 Inman Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139**

Registration by telephone or e-mail before September 6, 2017 only \$10 or Register at the door \$40

We send a special thank you to His Grace Bishop John and the Antiochian Diocese of Worcester and New England, who provided a generous gift to encourage participation by offering pre-registrations for only \$10. (Must pre-register by September 6, 2017).

Directed by (Chaplain) Patrick Tutella, Caring Connections in Corrections is a socially driven company that seeks to build healthy ministry connections between the Church and those who are in need in the community. Parish Care Team Training is offered as a comprehensive one day training program to prepare lay-people for social justice ministry in the local parish.

**We believe** that the Church icons Christ when we open our arms to neighbors who are disenfranchised and outcasts in the community. (Matthew 25:40)

To answer your questions, for more information or to register over the telephone call Chaplain Patrick Tutella at 484-793-5681 or send an e-mail to : [info@ccc corrections.com](mailto:info@ccc corrections.com)

### **THE EPISTLE**

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

#### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”





## **40 Day Memorial Service**



A Forty Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Emile Moussalli* and is being offered by George & Barbara Moussalli & Family.

***May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.***

### **PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Stella Mary Samra  
Joseph, Rebecca, Joseph & Ellianna Samra  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Fr. James C. Meena  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan  
Elaine Swistak  
Chadi Saad & Family  
George & Barbara Moussalli & Family  
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Janice Hallal  
Fadia & Tony Kabak  
Stella Mary Samra  
Elaine Agaty  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elaine Agaty  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
George & Sandra Matook & Family

Elaine Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Emile Moussalli  
Offered by: John Salhany

Charlie Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Kh. Ruth Meena  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Emile Moussalli  
Charles Agaty  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Thomas Matook  
Christopher Spenard  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Charlie Agaty  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad  
George & Sandra Matook & Family

Charles Agaty  
Mary Agaty  
John Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



# St. Mary Annual Bazaar ~2017~

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2017 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 3rd, 4th, 5th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact Bazaar Co-Chairs Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295 or Salwa Khoury (401) 434-8877 if you are interested in helping.

The first Bazaar Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 22nd at 7pm in the church hall. Please plan to join us and remember ***SUCCESS starts with YOU!***

***The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social & Silent Auction table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.***



### **Schedule for Bazaar Cooking / Baking:**

Saturday, September 9th:	9:30am-Grape leaves
Saturday, September 16th:	9:30am- Sfeeha
Saturday, September 23rd:	9:30am- Date Fingers
Saturday, September 30th:	9:30am- Apricot Crescents
Saturday, October 7th:	9:30am- Sfeeha
Saturday, October 21st:	9:30am- Mamoul Nuts



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**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help with the cooking! Come help us in making these delicious foods for our Bazaar.**  
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## St. Mary Church School Luncheon

*Sunday, September 10th*

We will be having a luncheon, hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius, on Sunday, September 10th to welcome back teachers & students of Church School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings (mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, Syrian hashewh, cranberry sauce, coffee, rolls, gravy, dessert.

*Donations appreciated to help defray the costs.*



## Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

### Pawsox Outing with the Diocese

The annual DOWNE Teen SOYO Pawsox outing is Tuesday, August 22. We will meet for Dinner at 5pm at St. Mary's Church Hall on High Street and head to the game about 6:30. Tickets are \$10. We need to RSVP to the Diocese by August 16. Please let Mary Gurghigian know if you plan to attend as soon as possible.

## Churching

Sunday, August 20, 2017

*Stella Mary Samra*

Daughter of Joseph & Rebecca Samra  
of Cumberland, RI



*May God Bless her and grant her many years.*



## Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

**office@stmarypawtucket.org**

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.  
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

## Upcoming events:

- ♦ **TODAY: Feast Day** (following Hierarchial Liturgy-with Bishop JOHN)  
~ *Music & Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **September 10th: Church School** ~ *First day of Church School & Luncheon*
- ♦ **September 16th: Bowling**– *Church School & Teen SOYO outing*
- ♦ **September 23rd:** *St. Mary's Got Talent at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **October 21st: Halloween Party** *at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)*
- ♦ **November 3rd-5th:** *St. Mary Annual Bazaar*
- ♦ **November 11th:** *Hafli at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **November 18th:** *Game night at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)*
- ♦ **December 3rd:** *Luncheon honoring "over 80 years" at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **December 10th:** *Choir Appreciation Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **December 17th:** *Christmas Pageant and Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **December 30th:** *Movie Night at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)*
- ♦ **December 31st:** *New Year's Hafli at the Parish Center*

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

### INVITES YOU TO ITS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:

"THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS"



### ~TODAY~

12:00pm: Luncheon at the Parish Center

2:00pm: Music DJ—Roy El Hachem ("English & Arabic")

### Menu

**Mazza:** Falafel, Za'tar & Labneh    **Entrée:** Fattoush, Grilled Chicken Kabab, Kibbee Meshwee (Grilled), Laban with Cucumbers, Vegetables & Rice    **Dessert:** Assorted Pastries, Rice Pudding Coffee, Tea

\$25— per person ~ Children under 12— Free

***Donations are welcome to help defray the cost.***

### St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include a new collection of Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

## St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Church School Student Registration

**2017-2018**

**Church School Starts on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Begins immediately after students receive Communion. Students will then be escorted to the Church School. Dismissal is promptly at 12:15**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:    Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:    Home \_\_\_\_\_    Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Children who are in or entering Church School

Name	D.O.B	Grade in Public School
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_____	_____	_____

### **Attendance Pledge**

In Consideration of my child's acceptance into the Church School Program, I hereby acknowledge the importance of my child attending all classes. I pledge to insure my child's attendance. I also realize that failure to honor this obligation would undervalue my child's religious education.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill out and return to the Church Office)  
St. Mary Church School 249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Any question please contact Rebecca Samra-  
rebsamra@gmail.com

